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For: COMPARTMENTALIZED STORAGE SYSTEM FOR

TEMPORARILY STORING AND SUBSEQUENTLY MIXING AT LEAST

TWO DIFFERENT SUBSTANCES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.143 AND SECTION 1.115

Sir:

This Amendment and Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.143 and 37 C.F.R. Section 1.115 is in reply to the Examiner's Action dated 22 March 2004 in the above-identified patent application in which claims 1-16, 19-33, 35, and 36 are pending and claims 1-16, 19-33, 35, and 36 were subjected to a new restriction requirement. A Response to the outstanding Office Action is due 22 April 2004. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response and pass the above-identified application to issue. Kindly amend the subject application as follows.

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